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BAYSHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

To develop the origin and history of the area now included within the Bayshore District, it is necessary to go back to the year 1859, at which time the entire northern part of the county was known as School District No. 1, as shown in Figure 2. In 1861 this northern portion of the county was divided into three school districts by the County Board of Supervisors, and the portion in which Bayshore now lies was known as North San Mateo No. 1 as in seen in Figure 3. In 1866 the North San Mateo District No. 1 was divided, and the area in which Bayshore is located became known as the Jefferson School District. Later, in 1874, the Jefferson District was divided, and the territory in which Bayshore and Brisbane Districts are now located became the Visitacion District, which coincided with the boundaries of the Rancho Canada Guadalupe Y Rodeo Viejo. In 1938-39 the present Bayshore District came into existence as a division of the Visitacion District. Thus, through the years, five school district organizations have provided for the education of the children who lived in the present area of the Bayshore District.

In the early days, before 1874, the only school house in the northern area, known as the Jefferson District, was at Colma, which at that time was known as School House Station. As the San Francisco-San

Jose Railroad at that time swung inland to Colma rather than following the shore line as it does today, it can be supposed that there were few children from the area now known as Bayshore.

With the formation of Visitacion District in 1874, a school house was built in Visitacion City which took care of the children from the areas now known as Bayshore and Brisbane.

Following the establishment of the railroad right-of-way along the bay shore, the areas of Bayshore and Brisbane became more thickly populated, and numerous manufacturing plants selected this area for operations. By the year 1938 it appeared to the residents of the City of Bayshore that their population had grown static and that if they could be separated from the Visitacion City part of the Visitacion School District, their present school facilities would be sufficient for some time. They also anticipated, with some justification, that the fast growing town of Visitacion, or Brisbane, would soon need new school facilities for which they would have to pay a share as part of the school district. They, therefore, petitioned to be separated from the Visitacion District and to be organized as the Bayshore School District. This was accomplished in 1938-39 and the Bayshore District came into being. The residents soon found, however, that their estimates of the population of the area were hardly accurate, as the average daily attendance of the school went up from 97 to 402 in the next ten years, necessitating

additional plant facilities.

In 1944-45 a kindergarten was established in the district, and in 1946 bonds were voted to the amount of $75,000 to improve the school facilities of the district.

The administration of the district is unique in that the superintendent of the Brisbane School District acts, under contract, as the superintendent of the Bayshore District with a supervising principal at the Bayshore School. At the time the Bayshore District separated from the Visitacion District there were three teachers in the school. At the present time there are fourteen teachers besides the superintendent.

The financial statistics for the Bayshore District will be found in Table 10.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

In 1861 the northern sector of San Mateo County was all one large school district known as North San Mateo as shown in Figure 3. In 1866 the northern part of this district was separated and became known as the Jefferson School District. At that time it included all the area of what is now Jefferson, Brisbane and Bayshore. Bayshore and Brisbane were formed from the Visitacion District which separated from the Jefferson District in 1874.

The first school house was built in 1856 according to Cloud.[1] It was located on what would now be the northwest corner of the junction of Mission and 92nd Street. The building was a prominent enough feature of the area to cause Colma to be called "School House Station" until some time between 1871 and 1874.

Stanger[2] states that in 1867 a new school was built on the Dunk property about where the Jefferson Annex now stands. By 1886 a bond issue was passed to make repairs on the old school and to build a new building. The old building was moved back on the lot to form an ell on the new building which is now called the Jefferson Annex. The building

1. Roy W. Cloud, A History of San Mateo County (Chicago: S.J. Clarke Pub. Co. 1928)

2. Frank M. Stanger, History of San Mateo County (San Mateo: Arthur H. Cawston, Publisher, San Mateo Times, 1938).

has served the pupils now for over sixty years, at one time being used as a high school before the Jefferson High School was built.

Other early school buildings, now demolished, were the Vista Grande located at Mission and Vista Grande, which was built sometime after a bond election was passed in 1894; and the Woodrow Wilson Elementary on Santa Barbara Avenue, which was constructed in 1917.

In 1918 the Times-Gazette[1] tells of the acceptance of two new schools in the district, the R.S. Thornton and the David C. Broderick. Inasmuch as the General Pershing was built in the same year as the present Thornton School, we can surmise that the name of Broderick was changed to that of Pershing at a time when leading military names were considered exceptionally appropriate.

Other school buildings of the district are as follows:

Name	Year Built	Number Classrooms (1950)	Location
Woodrow Wilson Primary	1935	8	43 Miriam Street
Crocker	1935	6	344 Santa Barbara
General Pershing	1917	7	631 Hanover
Jefferson	1935	8	14 Alemany
Jefferson Annex	1867	2	Alemany & San Pedro
Thornton	1917	4	1st and Castle
Garden Village	1950	7	End of Garden Lane
Woodrow Wilson Primary Addition	1949	4	43 Miriam Street

Only a few names of the early teachers of the Jefferson District are available. The following were in scattered items in the San Mateo County Gazette and the Times-Gazette for the dates indicated:

1. San Mateo County Times-Gazette, LVIII (March 23, 1918)

March 25, 1877	Miss Etta Tilton
December 12, 1882	Miss Adda Hughes
November 10, 1885	Miss Eva Knowles
July 11, 1903	Miss Rose Schubert[2]
1917	Miss Henrietta Engel

taught at Gen Pershing school for 35 years; 1968- lives in San Francisco 4225 22ND ST.

Names of the teachers and trustees of the district from 1904 to the present are on file in the office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.

A list of the trustees of the Jefferson District was compiled from the files of the San Mateo County Clerk for the years 1878 to 1904.

The list is as follows:

1878-1890	E. Robson
1878-1897	F.E. Pierce
1878-1893	R.L. Thornton
1888-1892	Samuel McCullough
1890-1892	Allen M. Robson
1892-1895	B.S. Green
1893-1896	Thomas Harrison
1895-1898	J.D. Erhardt
1896-1899	George Wright
1897-1900	Frank S Knowles
1897-1901	William J. Blain
1899-1902	J.W. Stobener
1900-1903	Harry D. Pierce
1901-1904	Silvio Belli

The available data concerning the enrollment and financial status of Jefferson District from 1904-05 have been compiled from records in the office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools and is included here on Table 27.

2. San Mateo County Gazette, Vol. XVII (1877); San Mateo County Times-Gazette, Vols. XXIII - XLIV (1882-1903).

JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jefferson Union High School District was formed by an election held on March 31, 1922, in the Tobin, San Pedro, Jefferson, and Visitacion Elementary School Districts. Inasmuch as some of the original elementary school districts have changed their identification since that time, the Jefferson Union High School District now takes in the territory of Laguna Salada Union, Jefferson, Brisbane, and Bayshore Elementary School Districts.

The district became part of the San Mateo Junior College District on January 18, 1937, upon the resolution and ordinance of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The main building, located at 6996 Mission Street in Daly City, was built with funds derived from an $180,000 bond issue passed in an election held August 5, 1922. By May 21, 1924, it became necessary to levy a 15¢ building tax to complete the original structure. This tax was to bring in the sum of $26,000.

Again on June 17, 1925, because of an increase in average daily attendance an election was called to pass a special tax to raise the sum of $27,000. Again on May 11, 1928, another special tax was voted to provide $25,000 for additional school facilities.

On December 3, 1933, the clerk of the Board of Trustees notified the County Superintendent of Schools that due to the building program there were bills unpaid amounting to $17,000. However, a sale of land to the State of California for the widening of Mission Street had brought an income of $17,000, which was used for paying the outstanding bills. During the year 1933-34 because of an accumulation of funds no district tax was levied.

On February 11, 1936, the Board of Trustees called a bond election to authorize the issuance of bonds for $85,000. This action followed a failure on the part of the Works Progress Administration to approve a request for assistance in providing additional school facilities.

On May 16, 1947, a special tax election raised the tax limit from 75¢ to $1.35 for a five-year period.[1]

The present school facilities include the main building which has 27 classrooms, an industrial building with 9 rooms, a gymnasium, little theater, machine shop, wood shop, and bus garage.

A list of the members of the various boards of trustees follows:

1922-1935	Adolph Gehringer
1922-1925	Matthew M. Grady
1922-1924	Mrs. Florence Stockton
1922-1924	Roderick MacDonald
1922-1946	Mrs. Stella Jensen
1924-1927	Mrs. Julia Sampson

1. Jefferson Union High School District, School District File, Office of San Mateo County Clerk, Redwood City, California

1924-1934	Truman Bentley
1925-1929	Lewis Stark
1927-1936	Mrs. Lillah W. Brown
1929-1931	Julius Tweston
1931-1946	Andrew Vireno
1934-1936	Dr. F.P. Callsen
1935-1950	Remi Sanders
1936-1947	Edward A. Weisenburger
1946-1952	Peter Markovich
1946-1947	Thomas P. Tallon
1948-1954	Thomas J. Callan, Sr.
1947-present	Mrs. Anna M. Eason

The principals and superintendents of the high school district have been:

1922-1927	Neil O. Best (Principal)
1927-1944	James Ferguson (Principal)
1944-1956	Stanford Hannah (Superintendent)
1956-present	Edward D. Morgan (Superintendent)

Some of the long-term faculty members are as follows:

1922-1945	Gilda Belloni (Became Mrs. J.A. Brown in 1925)
1925-present	Marjorie Robinson (Became Mrs. Reandeau in 1940)
1924-1935	Esther Torello
1927-1947	Claude Hackley
1931-1946	Clive Saiz (Became Placement Officer of Bay Section C.T.A., 1946)

Table 52 contains the financial data for the Jefferson Union High School District from 1922- to 1959.

1924-1934	Truman Bentley
1925-1929	Lewis Stark
1927-1936	Mrs. Lillah W. Brown
1929-1931	Julius Tveaton
1931-1946	Andrew Virono
1934-1936	Dr. F.P. Gallaen
1935-1950	Reed Sanders
1936-1947	Edward A. Weisenburger
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1925-present	Marjorie Robinson
	(Became Mrs. Reardeau in 1940)
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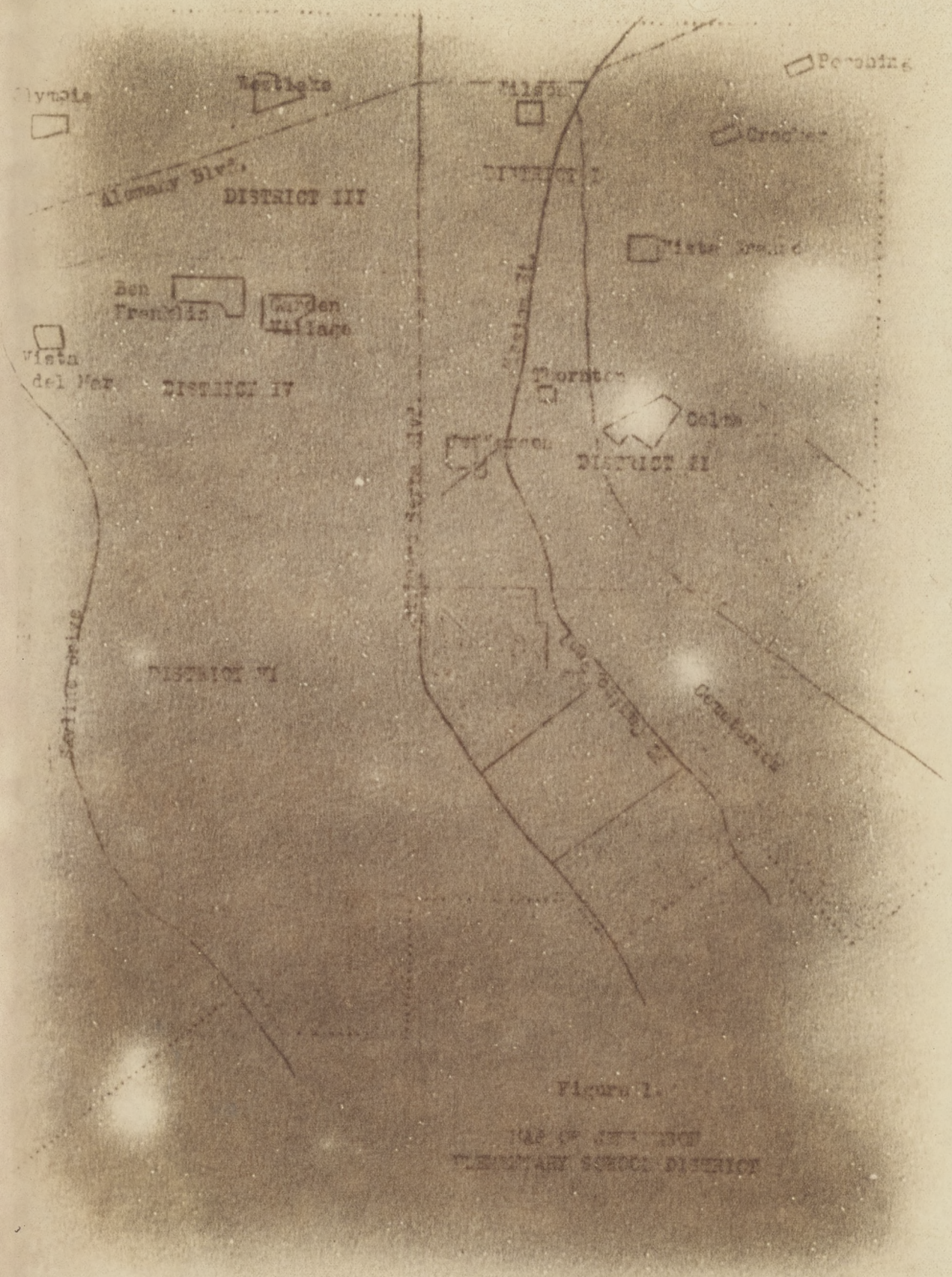

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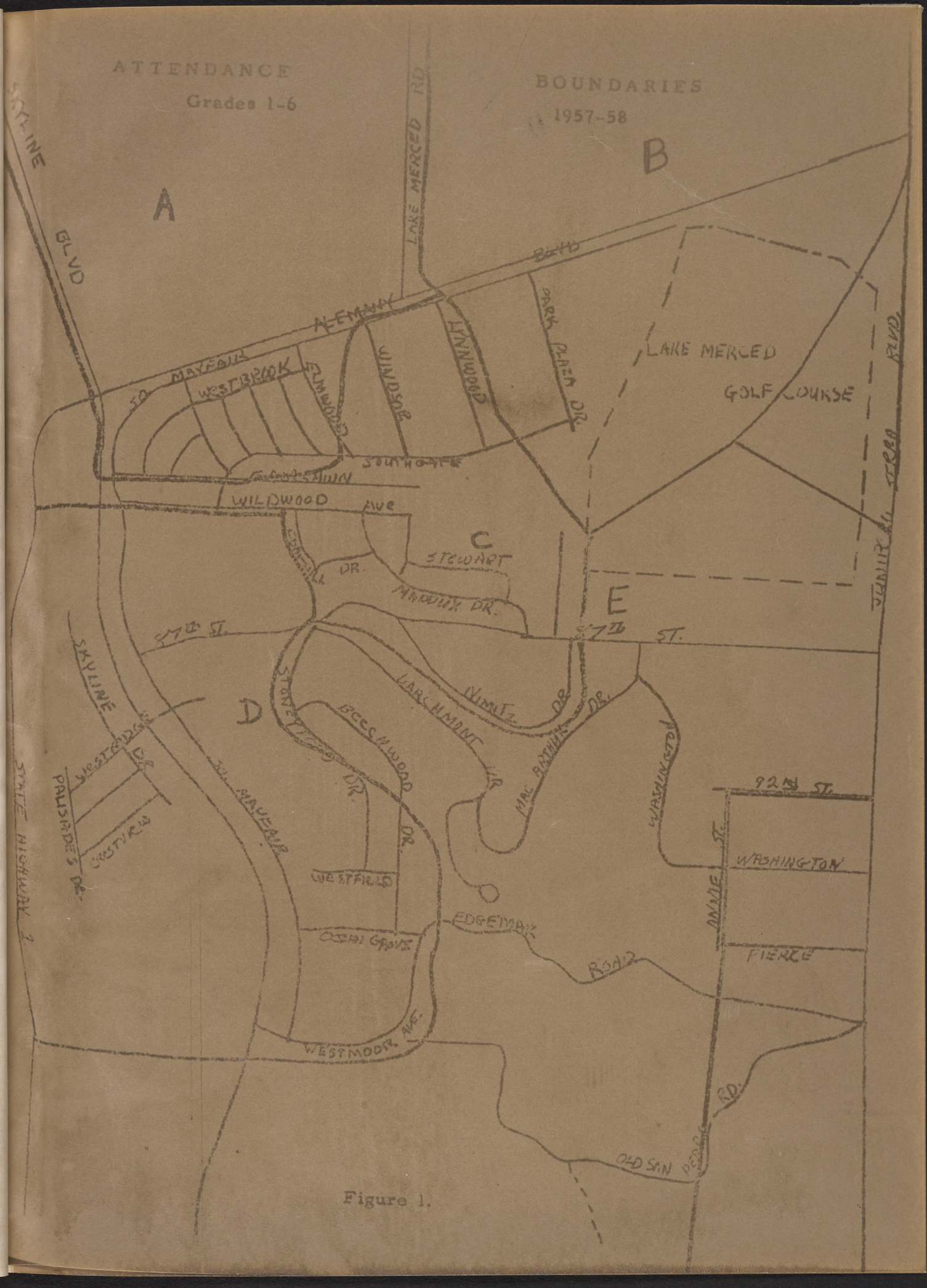
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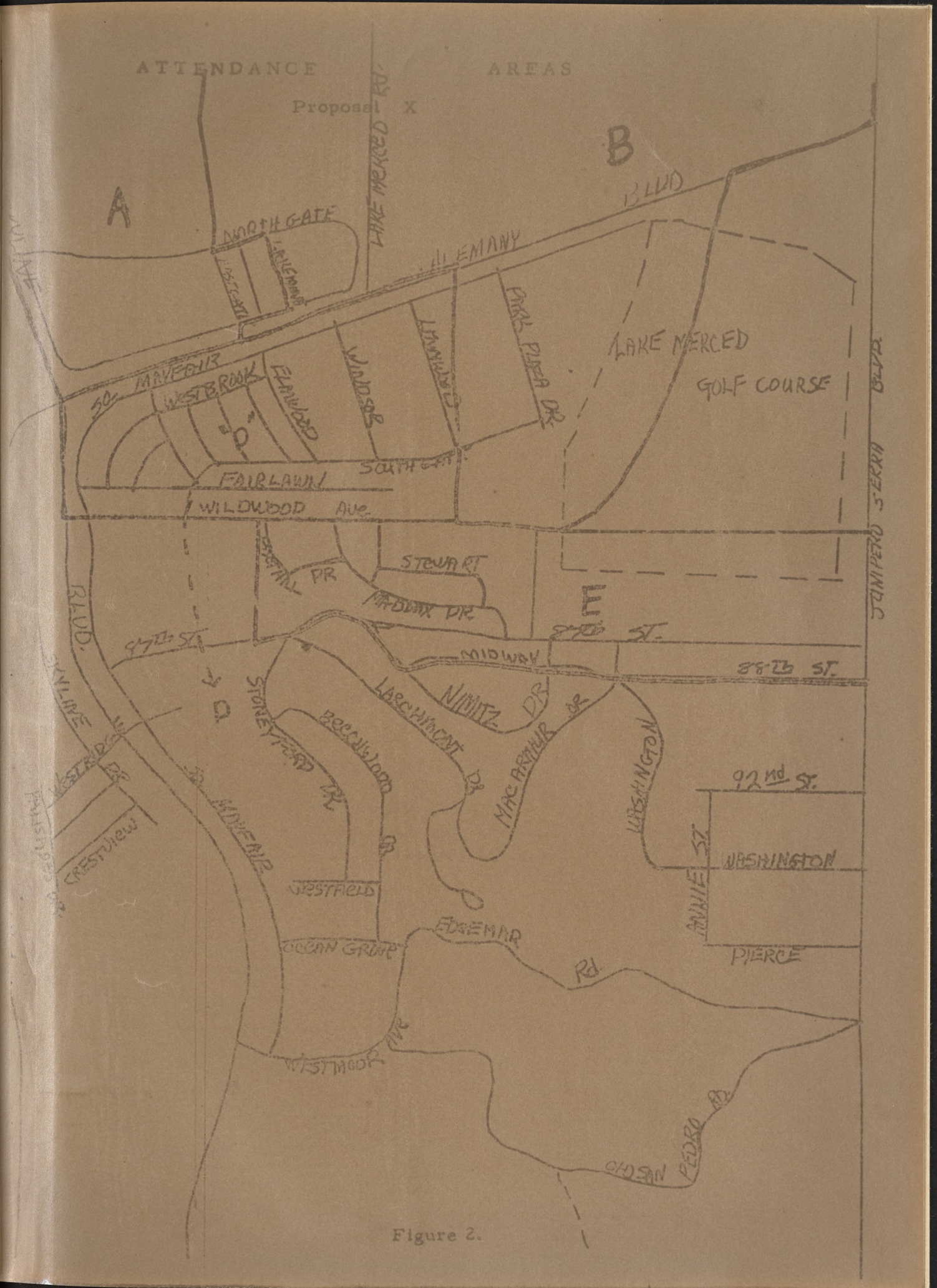
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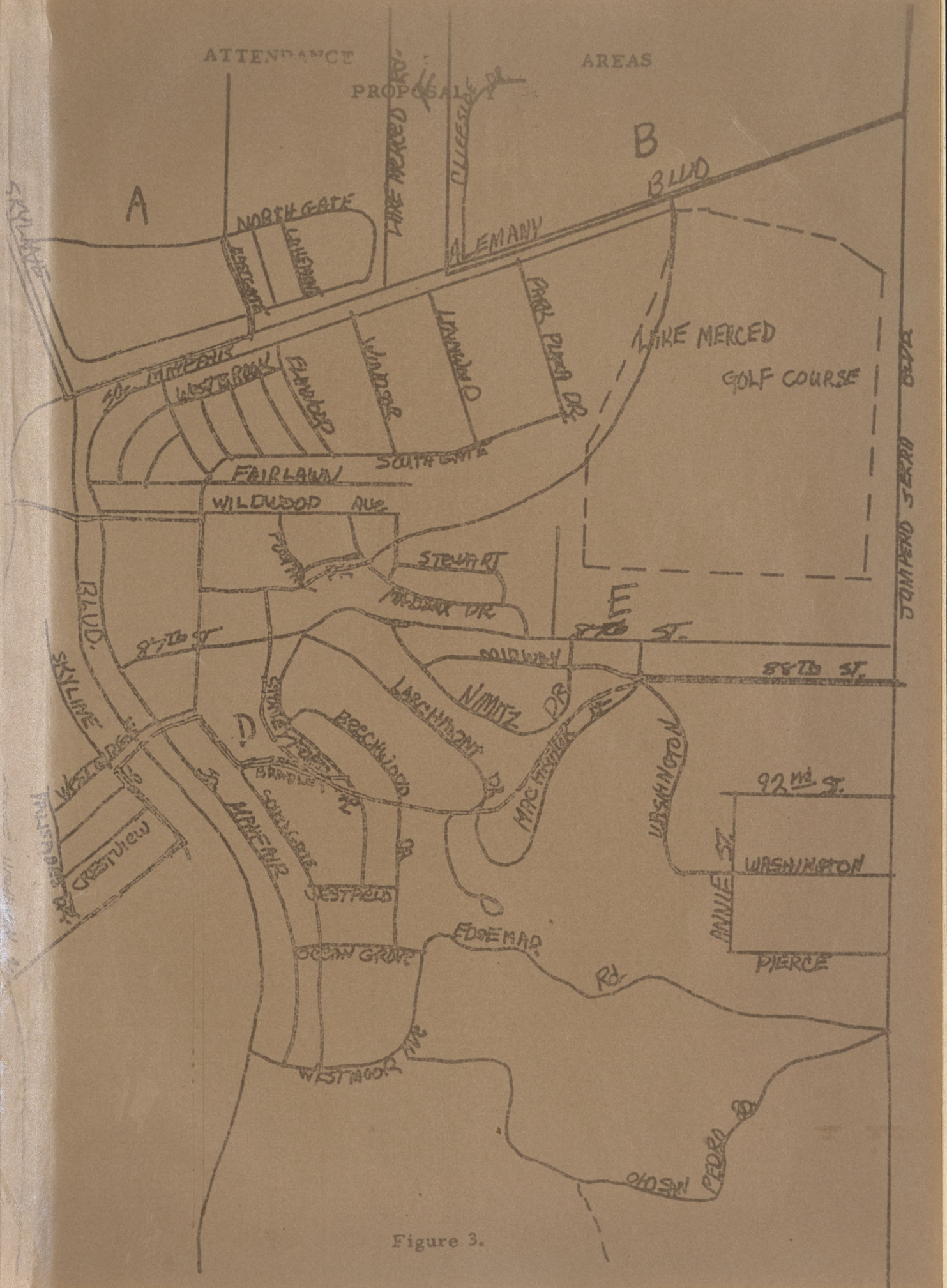
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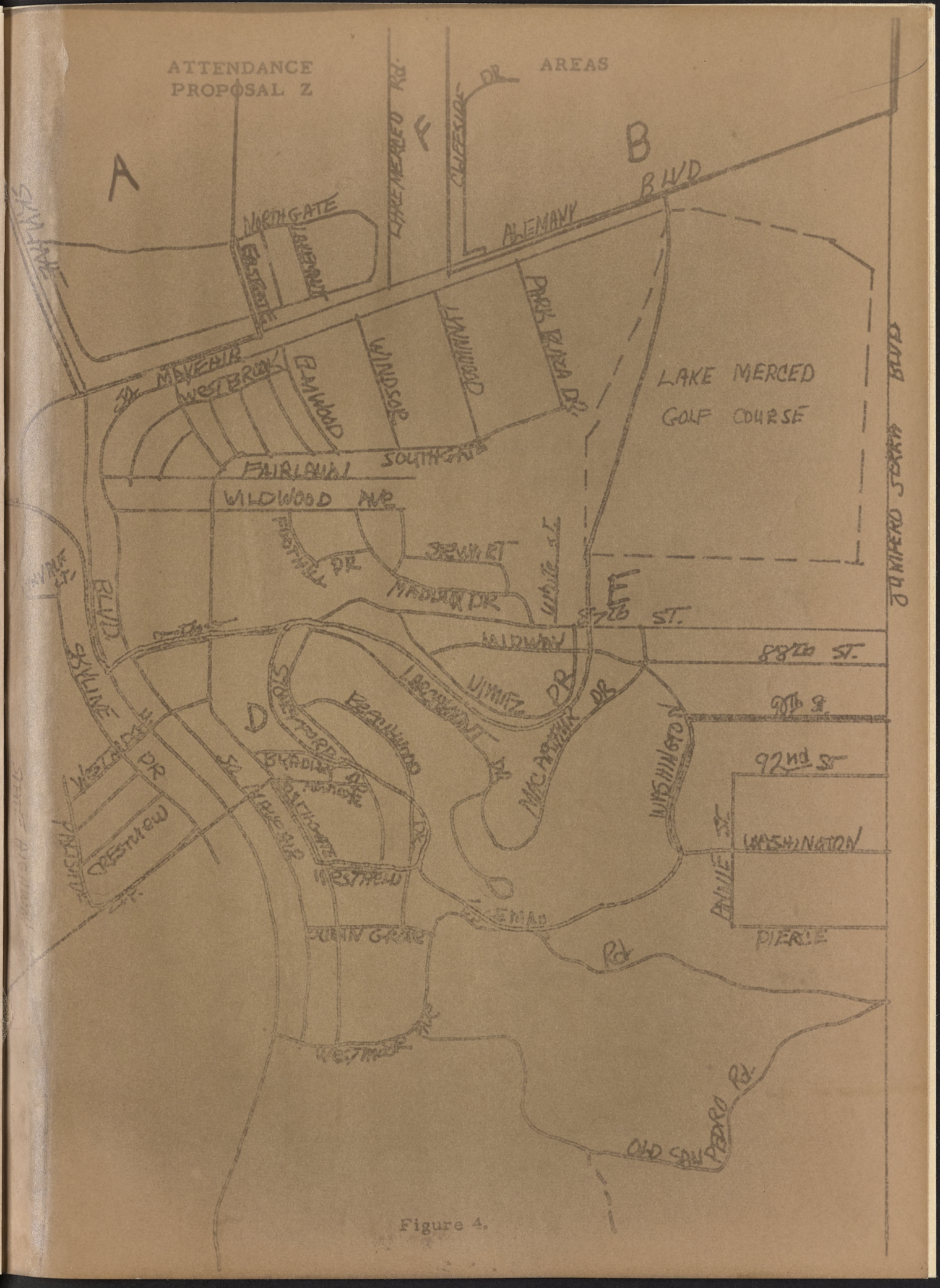
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